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HILL ABANDONS STUDE... FOR SPRING HOUSEPARTY

Baseball, Tennis and Track Teams Will Perform; Charlatans Will Give Skits

TEA DANCES PLANNED

All Fraternities, With Exception of E. L. S., Will Entertain

Prospects for the annual spring House Party over the week-end of May 11, 12, and 13, loom brighter this year than ever before. Each fraternity is holding a party with the exception of the Emerson Literary Society whose house burned down last year. Athletic meets together with ten dances and specialty stunts promise to provide plenty of interest and activity.

The first attraction is a tennis match with Alfred on Friday afternoon. Last year the Alfred racketmen were roundly beaten and this year are coming to the Hill with the intent of evening the score.

The festivities Friday night will begin with a series of skits to be presented by the Charlatans at 8:15 in the Hall of Commons. This contribution to the spring House Party has become an annual affair. After the Charlatan performance all the crowds will hold open house.

Saturday however is the gala day. At noon the D. T. neophytes are scheduled to hold forth on the Chapel steps. The nature of these celebrated sessions is always successful in drawing out most of the college.

The athletic attractions consist of a baseball game with the University of Rochester and a tennis match with Hobart. Last year the Rochester team met defeat in both contests with the Hamilton nine, 3-2 and 4-1. This year the Rochester aggregation is reputed to be considerably better than last, having the services of a star pitcher.

In addition to these attractions is an interclass track meet for which all men in college are eligible.

Two tea dances will afford entertainment at the conclusion of the sport events. D. T. is giving a closed tea dance at the Theta Delt House with the Seneca Serenaders supplying the melody. Was Los is holding open house at their tea dance at the Deke House. Saturday night the parties at the various houses will all be closed.

The list of house party guests follow:

Sigma Phi:

Louise Wense, Buffalo; Anna Morse, Holyoke; Kay Plummer, Philadelphia; Hannah Huyette, Detroit; Barbara Stevens, New Haven; Arleigh Bacon, Niagara Falls; Barbara Davidge and Margaret Fritts, Binghamton; Margaret Harlock, Lock Haven, Penn.; Pauline Bowerfind and Betty Rockhill, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Emilie Boyd, South Orange, N. J.; Mary Doolittle, Utica; Moll Harding, Clinton.

Chaperons: Mrs. G. H. Sicard and Mrs. E. W. Warfield.

Orchestra: Isle O' Blues.

Alpha Delta Phi:

Pauline Hameston, Wellesley; Marvel Bott, LaCrosse, Wis.; Clara Hix, L. I.; Emily Williams, Albany; Louise Crossley, Skidmore; Dorothy Failing, Elmira; Virginia Jackson, Colorado Springs; Marion Hughes, Utica; Florence Carter, Bronxville; Dorothy Martin, Vassar; Elizabeth Jones, Smith Colege; Mary O'Brien, Lyons Falls; Helen Slauson, Utica; Dorothy Aller, Oxford; Annette Clark, New Hartford; Zella Covert, Skidmore; Ernestine Rose, Port Chester.

Psi Upsilon:

Florence Ingle, Rochester; Mary Avery Wells; Virginia Walcutt, New York City; Dorothy Wiliamson, Syracuse; Margaret Jennings, Fulton; Anne Bennett, New York City; Frances Hickok, Vassar; Elizabeth Rorty, Vassar; Barbara Hasetton, Rome; Mary Parker, Mount Vernon; Mary Northrup, Johnstown; Virginia Farrington, Delhi; Florence Stevenson, Mount Vernon; Ruth Richards, Wells; Martha Combs, Watertown; Lucy C. Gould, Smith; Polly Smith, Syracuse; Margaret Paine, Syracuse; Margaret Lott, Syracuse; Florence Swartz, Wells; Adelaide Cahill, New York City.

Chaperons: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Davis, Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. Willard B. Eddy, Rochester.

Orchestra: Cotton Pickers, St. Louis.

Chi Psi:

Martha Peterson, Brooklyn, N. Y.;

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Calendar

Wednesday

Tennis match with Albany State College at Clinton at 4:30 P. M.

Thursday

Choir rehearsal at 7:45 P. M.

Friday

Tennis match with Alfred at Clinton at 4 P. M.

Charlatan's play in the Commons at 8:15 P. M.

Copy for Lit due at Deke House.

Saturday

Interclass track meet at 2 P. M.

Baseball game with Rochester at Clinton at 4 P. M.

Tennis match with Hobart at Clinton at 4 P. M.

D. T. tea dance at the Theta Delta Chi House.

Was Los tea dance at Delta Kappa Epsilon House.

Sunday

Chapel preacher: Principal Lewis Perry, Litt. D. of Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N. H.

COLLEGE CHOIR SINGS AT ROME

Sunday Concert Given In First Presbyterian Church

Again the Hamilton College Choir scored a triumph in its successful season of outside performances. This time at the First Presbyterian Church of Rome on Sunday evening Prof. Fancher's proteges drew the enthusiatic applause of an audience that filled the church to the very doors.

A caravan of taxi-cabs conveyed the men from the Hill to Rome where they were given refreshments by their hosts. Smoothness of execution marked the entire trip; the program went off without a flaw and proved a just compliment to the intensive practice which the choir has undergone throughout its concert season. Hospodi Pomilu repeated its phenomenal receptions with a loud and long applause, and Water Boy, with Henry Heyl as soloist, also received great praise. The concert was divided into three parts which were successively opened by organ selections by Mr. Stephen Palmer of Rome.

Freshmen Win In Inter-Class Games

After a much belated start, the interclass teams finally swung into action last Saturday afternoon. The Freshman outfits, displaying considerable strength, won the honors of the first day's play.

In the only baseball game of the afternoon, the Freshmen easily defeated the Seniors by the score of 11-2. The first-year men completely outplayed their opponents in every department of the game. Collins, with a double and a single out of two times at bat, was the hitting star of the contest. The Sophomores won the other game by forfeit because the team representing the Junior Class failed to appear on the field.

In one of the tennis matches last Saturday, the Sophomores were victorious over the Seniors 4-2; while the Freshman-Junior match was called because of rain with the score 3-1 in favor of the Freshmen. Chase, Kavakos, and Fanning in the singles and Kavakos and Sarles in the doubles were the victorious Sophomores. Ballard in the singles and Ballard and MacPhail in the doubles accounted for the only two Senior victories. The Freshmen, who won their matches, were Normile, Wright, Boeve, and Baldwin; Montgomery was the only victorious Junior. The Juniors still have a chance to tie the match as a singles and a doubles must yet be played.

The Junior-Sophomore golf match resulted in a victory for the Juniors 3-1, and the Senior-Freshman golf match ended in a tie. The victors in the first match were Bremer, Ingalls, and Ferry for the Juniors and Mead for the Sophomores. In the other match Beardsley and Watters '28, and Bannerman and Symonds, '31, were the winners.

The attention of all undergraduates interested in literary work is called to the date fixed for submission of material to the "Hamilton Literary Magazine" which will appear probably about the first of June. All material must be left in the hands of Atkins at the Delta Kappa Epsilon Lodge on or before Friday, May 11.

HILL DRAMATICS STARTED HERE DURING NINETIES

Charlatans First Organized in 1907 by Woollcott, Rudd, Osborn and Truax

SHEPARD FIRST COACH

Fancher Obtains Splendid Results in Ten Years of Coaching

Dramatics at Hamilton College have received a large place in the life of the students within recent years. Although practically all the attempts at dramatic interpretation have taken place during the past twenty years under the auspices of The Charlatans, in 1892, Prof. William P. Shepard attempted to arouse interest in histrionics. However the college was found a barren field for such a movement, and the subject was presently forgotten.

The work of The Charlatans during the short life that organization has had, contains many interesting associations not the least of which is the occasion of its foundation. One connects with the name of this organization its father, Alexander Woolcott, and his associates, Robert B. Rudd, Alexander F. Osborn, and R. Hawley Truax, all of Class of 1909.

In a time when degree of toughness was the standard by which men were judged, a small radical group timidly considered the possibilities of producing a play on the Hill. Opposed to any such idea were the prevalent ideals and traditions of the period, which would have classed playacting as aesthetic and consequently to be abhorred. Criticism from within the walls had first to be considered before a play could be produced.

To combat this force a plan was devised whereby the play might be eased upon an unsuspecting audience without fear of censure. Therefore the play was given for the benefit of the track team, the assistant managers sold tickets, and an enormous crowd packed the Clinton Scollard Opera House to support "the team." The play produced was entitled, "The Mice Will Play."

Thus in the Spring of the year 1907, stage acting received a place on the campus. Farces proved to be the meat of the playgoers' taste of the time and these occupied the stage. It was necessary at first to make people laugh in order to get their attention. In this Mr. Woollcott and his mates under the coaching of Prof. Shepard, succeeded very well indeed. The important female roles were usually taken by Mr. Woollcott and Mr. Rudd to the huge delight of the audiences.

In the Fall of 1907, a play written by one of the members, Hawley Truax, called "The Glass House," was produced in conjunction with the Glee Club Concert in Utica. Unfortunately, the play was too Ibsenesque for either the sophistication or the experience of the men and, although the acting lacked nothing, the play fell rather flatly. "His House in Disorder," took place in February of the following year again in the "Opera House" and this time for the benefit of the baseball team.

A very interesting review of their organization was written by the

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Charlatans Change House Party Plans

Instead of the Woollcott prize play, Hamilton College Charlatans have selected five or six skits from recent New York revues, with which to entertain house party guests on Friday night at 8:15 in the Hall of Commons. The rehearsals, coached by the Charlatans themselves, are well under way with every prospect for success.

The prize play will be given later in the season by the Charlatans on the occasion of the annual dramatic class productions. The skits were substituted for the proposed house party entertainment because of lack of sufficient time to prepare the more elaborate prize play appearance.

Richard T. Barnes, a member of Psi Upsilon, was elected president of the Charlatans as the result of a recent election. Barns, who is also manager of fencing, in addition to appearing in dramatic class performances, is well known for his work in "Bound East for Cardiff" and "Hell Bent Fer Heaven." He succeeds Seymour M. Pitcher, '29.

COLGATE AND ROCHESTER WIN IN BASEBALL

Colgate Amasses 20 Runs to Buff and Blue's 5 in Game Featured by Many Errors

LOCALS LOSE TWICE

Rochester Also Trounces Hamilton, Winning With 13-4 Score

The Hamilton baseball team offered but little resistance to the powerful Colgate and Rochester nines in two games played last week. In the former contest on May 2, at Hamilton, the Buff and Blue, sadly lacking in form, were swept away on the small end of a 20-5 score, while in the latter tilt on May 5, at Rochester, Rochester had but little difficulty to amass a 13-4 victory.

Colgate very amply repaid the defeat of last year at the hands of Hamilton. This year's game was featured by errors, muffs and misplays on the part of both teams. The Maroon tallied in every inning but the sixth and drove two Buff and Blue twirlers from the mound. Morris, who was largely responsible for the defeat of Colgate last year, was the first to be taken from the box. Calkins and Knox who succeeded Morris were unable to stop the onslaught.

The game was started with a powerful attack by Colgate which netted the Maroon six runs in the first two innings, resulting from two singles and numerous errors, including two passed balls and a pair of wild pitches.

It was not until the fifth and sixth innings that Hamilton managed to break into the scoring column. During these innings the Buff and Blue collected four runs. Campbell started the rally with a triple, scoring Warren, and errors on the part of Colgate were responsible for the rest. Hamilton got its fifth run in the seventh. The Buff and Blue showed clearly its lack of practice, but even without the aid of errors Colgate demonstrated very convincingly its superiority, collecting seventeen safe hits and seven walks.

The highlight in Colgate's scoring came in the seventh when two home runs and a trio of singles accounted for five runs. Cardner, Colgate's pitching ace, was the star of the game striking out twelve batters and knocking out a home run, a triple and a single in five trips to the plate.

Due to nine fielding errors and seventeen safe hits off Calkins, Rochester quite easily turned in a 13-4 victory. Calkins was forced to pitch the entire game because of injuries to Morris's arm, and to Knox's inability to control the ball because of strong wind.

Hamilton managed to get a number of safe hits, but they were so scattered that only four runs could be collected. The Buff and Blue was still very much off form in this game and played ragged ball.

Explosion on Hill Causes Excitement

Nearly 20 panes of glass were shattered and two shutters and a door were blown off the rear of Elihu Root's home on College Hill by an explosion Wednesday night.

No one was in the house at the time of the accident and the damage was not extensive. The explosion was caused by the ignition of coal gas from a hot water boiler in the cellar.

A large hole was torn in the floor, apparently by the top of the heater, which knocked down most of the plaster on the ceiling and broke several laths.

Elihu Root, who was at Hamilton College Saturday for a meeting of the Board of Trustees, returned to his New York home Sunday night. His son, Edward W. Root, was at home in the next house on College Hill at the time of the explosion.

Heard over the entire Hamilton campus, the explosion resembled that of a bomb and attracted many undergraduates.

Announcement was made this week by Francis E. Mineka, Editor of the 1928-29 Handbook, that the following men have been appointed to the board to act as assistants: William T. Campbell, '29, William J. Foley, '29, Robert D. Gage, '29, Zebulum L. MacMillan, '29, and Lawrence L. Mulchay, '29. William C. Stevens, '29, is Business Manager of the Handbook for next year.

HAMILTON TRACK TEAM LOSES TO R. P. I. IN FIRST MEET

Ford and Cutter Are High Point Men in Meet, DeSormo Breaks Javelin Record

WEAK IN FIELD EVENTS

Many Close Races Furnish Plenty of Excitement

Winning a large majority of points in the field events, R. P. I., defeated Hamilton in track last Saturday at Troy, by a score of 79½ to 31½. The fine showing of the Hamilton runners against the strong R. P. I. team was quite unexpected after the disasterous defeat of last year, when R. P. I. scored three times the number of points the Buff and Blue.

Ford of Hamilton was the high point man of the meet, taking first places in the century, the two-twenty, and the low hurdles. Captain Cutter was a close second with eleven points. Desormo broke the college record in the javelin hurling, hurling it 174 feet 9½ inches.

Hamilton scored thirty-eight points against R. P. I.'s thirty-four in the track events, but lost by a large margin in the field events, R. P. I. winning all three places in the shot-put and the pole vault. The feature of the meet was the mile relay which resulted in a dead heat.

R. P. I. took the lead soon after the meet began by winning places in the discus and other events. Ford won the hundred yard dash with his opponents several feet behind. Hamilton lost first place in the mile but made four points with Clark's second and Perry's third. Crane stuck with the two-milers and forced Clulee to an exciting sprint on the last lap. With these points and those gained by Ford and Cutter in the hurdles and dashes, by Dutcher and Walker in the quarter, and by Lathrop in the half, Hamilton showed its superiority on the cinders.

The most exciting race of the day was the mile relay. Walker gained a slight lead on his opponents which was lost in passing the baton. Frazee passed up the R. P. I. man and Dutcher managed to maintain the lead. Lathrop running against the fastest R. P. I. quarter miler, gained a considerable lead on the first two-twenty. The rest of the race was a spectacular affair, the result of which was considered a tie by the judges.

The Hamilton runners showed the effects of the winter training and were in good shape. The outcome of the triangular meet, week after next with Rochester and St. Lawrence, ought to be favorable.

Summaries:

100-yard Dash—Won by Ford, Hamilton; Malley, R. P. I., second; Parker, R. P. I., third. Time, 10.2.

Mile Run—Won by Thompson, R. P. I.; Clark, Hamilton, second; Perry, Hamilton, third. Time, 4:45.5.

440-yard Dash—Won by Loose, R. P. I.; Dutcher, Hamilton, second; Walker, Hamilton, third. Time, 54.8.

220-yard Low Hurdles—Won by Ford, Hamilton; Cutter, Hamilton, second; Titter, R. P. I., third. Time, 27.

220-yard Dash—Won by Ford,

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Try "Vagabonding"

Professor Shute: Wednesday, 1:30, lecture on die Walkure.

Thursday, 3:30, lecture on Franck.

Friday, 1:30, lecture on Franck.

Monday, 1:30, lecture on Siegfried.

Tuesday, 1:30, lecture on Russian Composers.

Professor Ristine: Thursday, lecture on Shakespeare's Tragedies.

Professor Graves: Saturday, British Politics during the War.

Tuesday, British Politics since 1919.

LIBRARY GIVEN VALUABLE BOOKS

Alumni Gifts Permit Purchase of Rare Incunabula

Through the efforts of Professor Ibbotson eleven extremely rare and interesting incunabulas have been recently added to the collection in the front room of the library. The purchase of these books was made possible through the donations of certain alumni, and by way of explanation Mr. Ibbotson has prefixed small cards to the volumes which tell their significance. These are extremely rare copies—most of them being the only recorded copies in America, and one the only example in existence.

The first and probably the most important donation is that made by Senator Root, a leaf from the Book of Ezekiel from one of the original Gutenberg Bibles printed at Mainz in Germany from 1453-1455. Johann Gutenberg with his partner, Faust, is generally recognized as the father of printing with separate types for each letter, a fact which makes the book particularly interesting. Each printer, as their numbers grew, made his own type to suit his own taste, and accordingly, if only fragments of a book are available it is a relatively simple matter, with the aid of guide books, to identify the printer. The work was done to imitate manuscript writing, thus containing the characteristic abbreviations, and was of course all in Latin.

In all Dr. Henry Harper Benedict, '89, has provided for the purchase of seven very early works. The most important is the ecclesiastical work by Thomas A. Kempis, printed in 1488. Then there is a work which has a rather interesting story connected with it in that it is a fraud, the author being a certain Fiocchi rather than the reputed Fenestella. Two more are encyclopedias, one of cannon law and the other of civil law, particularly important for students of medieval history. In 1479 the first French printer, Jenson, living in Italy at the time, published a series of essays on religion and the lives of the saints which is much like modern books of sermon suggestions for ministers.

Mr. Benjamin R. Johnson, '97, provided for the purchase of two more books of early date. The first is a volume of Cicero's works published by John of Colone in 1474, and the second a work by Alexander of Hales, a

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Buff And Blue Golf Team Loses To Union

Last Friday afternoon the Buff and Blue again suffered defeat at the hands of its old rival, Union, when the Garnet golf team easily won the first intercollegiate golf match ever played on Hamilton's links, 5-1. Frank Meade, of Hamilton, was the only Buff and Blue representative to take his match, defeating J. Beale of Union, one up.

R. Beale, Union, avenged his brother's defeat by handing Donaldson, Hamilton, a seven and six beating, thus giving his brother and himself the foursome honors. Beardsley and Miller were the other Hamilton representatives.

The summary:

Meade, Hamilton, defeated J. Beale, Union, one up. R. Beale, Union, defeated Donaldson, Hamilton, seven and six. J. and R. Beale defeated Donaldson and Meade, two and one. Blair, Union, defeated Beardsley, Hamilton, five and four. Stowell, Union, defeated Miller, Hamilton, three and one. Blair and Stowell defeated Beardsley and Miller, six and five.

1930 Hamiltonian Board Is Chosen

Vernon A. Ives hes been elected editor-in-chief of the 1930 Hamiltonian as the result of the annual competition which ended Saturday. Irving Hirsch is managing editor.

The business staff includes Clarence B. Fraser, business manager; William H. Denne, Jr., advertising manager and Robert Hill, Albany, circulation manager.

Both editorial executives are members of the "Hamilton Life" staff. Ives is a member of the Emerson Literary Society and Hirsch of the newly formed Decagon organization.

Denne is a member of Psi Upsilon, Fraser of Chi Beta Sigma and Hill of Decagon.

The competition for places on the staff was especially keen. Ives is well qualified for the editorship, on account of a wealth of experience gained in high school. Hirsch merited second place by making several suggestions which would seem to be effective in improving the year book. Ability to get advertising provided a basis of competition for those seeking positions on the business staff.

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THE CULTURAL BULL SESSION

The spiritual barrenness of what students call human encyclopedias or pedantic absorbers of facts is by now as proverbial as the practical, monetary value of the policy of honesty. A man, be he doctor of philosophy, medicine, or veterinary surgery, must—over and above his holding of mere worthy titles—contribute visibly and definitely to the happiness of his particular community or suffer the consequences of his failure to do so. The average man is distrustful of anything which does not give some evidence of being at least moderately practical and useful. "Results," he cries. "We must have results."

The college undergraduate necessarily reflects this prevalent American philosophy. Sooner or later after enrolling in some higher institution of learning, he makes a baffling discovery; he learns that he will undoubtedly never have the opportunity to bring very many of the facts temporarily acquired in an arts college to bear upon the problems that will confront him later in life. Being practically minded he is, of course, inflicted with a mild sense of futility. And when an undergraduate is in such a mood, the only remedy is that ancient social institution known vulgarly in college circles as the "bull session." It is one of the most important factors in the education of the young college student despite the failure of administrative committees to place it in the catalogue along with the other electives.

And it is not difficult to see why it occupies so prominent a position in the daily life of the undergraduate. In the inevitable confusion of ideas and purposes experienced by almost any college man who finds himself with a long series of courses behind or ahead of him, the bull session is frequently a satisfying and profitable refuge. Particularly is this true if he has failed to see a clarifying gleam of purpose and applicability, remote or immediate, in the work that he is doing in the classroom. For here, at least, can the nascent mind come to close grips with the problems of real life. Here can he find the stimulating exchange of ideas, the contact of intense personalities, the formulation of hypotheses that make the serious bull session what it is.

It is all groping, to be frank; yet it is groping toward a worthy—if but dimly visible—goal. It is search for truth such as the average man rarely finds in the majority of his courses. And it is here that the college man evolves his ideas and crystallizes his philosophy.

It is obviously absurd to advance the opinion that all the conversations in which college students indulge are illuminating or even moderately valuable. High seriousness cannot be found in any man twenty-four hours of the day. Yet it is none the less true that undergraduates—in so far as their intelligence and curiosity permits them—spend much of their time in what may be termed a social method of integrating and coordinating their knowledge and experience. It is particularly true of the men whose reading is wide and intelligent. Unfortunate is the man to whom the bull session of a serious and thoughtful nature has meant nothing. He is either incapable of thought or a complete and uncompromising misanthropist.

This educational institution currently known as the "bull session," but actually as old as man, is almost invariably given less credit than it justly deserves. Yet many would place it high up on the list of factors that make for a liberal education, for the ability to think logically, to live intensely, to handle facts discriminatingly. Surely none can doubt that the probing, searching type of conversation which is the bull session at its best is a valuable instrument in developing and molding personality. The fact that Socrates was of this opinion makes it no more valid.

Dr. Erkskine Will Go With Du Pont Co.

Dr. A. M. Erkskine, whose resignation was approved by the Hamilton College board of trustees Saturday, will take up work July 1 with the E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company as assistant technical director of dry color research.

The research laboratory of which Dr. Erskine will be assistant director is one of the company's six laboratories engaged in research in applied chemistry, and is located at the Meadows plant in Newark, N. J. The work of this laboratory and plant covers experimental development and production of pigments, for use in the manufactures of inks, paints and varnishes, and also the various pigments for artificial leather, rubber, linoleum and paper.

Dr. Erkskine has been a professor of chemistry at Hamilton for the last six years, and has been teaching courses in analytical, organic and physical chemistry.

In addition, he has been engaged in experimental research on natural or casinghead gasoline. In the latter line of activity he has been associated with the Phillips Petroleum Company of Bartlesville, Okla., and was one of its experts in the suit brought against this company in 1927 by the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation for alleged infringement of the latter's patents on the stabilization of natural gasoline by receification methods, a suit which was watched closely by the entire petroleum industry because of the fundamental questions raised in it.

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Hamilton; Malley, R. P. I., second; Frazee, Hamilton, third. Time, 23.4.

120-yard High Hurdles—Won by Cutter, Hamilton; Hodgeson, R. P. I., second; Weineman, R. P. I., third. Time, 16.2.

880-yard Run—Won by Leiberum, R. P. I.; Lathrop, Hamilton, second; Bliss, R. P. I., third. Time, 2:04.3.

Two-mile Run—Won by Clulee, R. P. I.; Crane, Hamilton, second; Owen, R. P. I., third. Time, 10:32.

Pole Vault—Won by Caufield, R. P. I.; Towne, R. P. I., second; Ferguson, R. P. I., third. Height, 10 feet 6 inches.

High Jump—Won by Robbins, R. P. I.; Rulison, R. P. I., second; Carson, Hamilton, third. Height, 5 feet 10¾ inches.

Broad Jump—Won by Robbins, R. P. I.; Cutter, Hamilton, second; Puglisi, Hamilton, third. Distance, 22 feet even.

Shot Put—Won by Ferguson, R. P. I.; Daday, R. P. I., second; Granetz, R. P. I., third. Distance, 37 feet 8 inches.

Discus Throw—Won by Gaynor, R. P. I; Cary, R. P. I., second; Donk, Hamilton, third. Distance, 104 feet 9 inches.

Javelin Throw—Won by DeSormo, Hamilton; Wentz, R. P. I., second; Ferguson, R. P. I., third. Distance, 174 feet 9½ inches.

Mile Relay—Tied by Hamilton and R. P. I. (Hamilton team), Walker, Frazee, Dutcher, Lathrop. Time, 3:39.

FORUM

The Editor,
Hamilton Life,
Hamilton College,
Clinton, N. Y.

Dear Editor:

I found the undergraduate Catalog of Electives printed in yesterday's "Life" very interesting. As you suggest, it should be most valuable to underclassmen and juniors in choosing their courses for next year. It should also give certain of the professors whose courses do not seem so popular an idea as to how they may change their methods so as to create more interest and consequently get better results.

In reviewing the English Literature Courses, one seems to have been omitted. I found Lit. 7-8 the most interesting course I had while in College. The first semester under Dr. Ristine is a very adequate study of the American Literature of the 19th Century. Both prose and poetry are considered with outside reading from such interesting writers as Cooper, Dana, Washington Irving and Ben Franklin. The second semester is even better. With Professor Rudd we read the best contemporary short stories, poetry and drama. This is the sort of stuff a man tends to read after college, more so I think, than the writings of the 17th, 18th and early 19th centuries.

For my own part, I got enough suggestions for my present and future reading from Lit. 8 to last me many years. This is due partly to the fact that most of the writers studied are still living and will very likely be producing material for some time.

I have also become an inveterate theater-goer, due to the interest Professor Rudd aroused in me for the Drama.

For anyone who cares enough about literature to go beyond the sophomore course, English Literature 7-8 should prove very valuable and most interesting.

Very truly yours,
HOMER WAKERLY, '27.

New York, N. Y.
April 26, 1928.

Houseparty Number Of Gaboon Is Planned

The last—and one of the best—issues of the Royal Gaboon is in the making and will appear on the Saturday of house party. Several new features are combined in this issue to give it a touch of newness and originality.

This issue is known as the House Party Number and consequently promises to be one that will be far from dull. The cover, drawn by George Hixson, the newly-elected art editor, is a snappy "goofy" picture of house party. One of the main features of this month's publication is a miniature full-page newspaper, The Nit Wit—something new to the Gaboon readers. Another full page is devoted ot Mother Goose Rhymes, which are also a take-off on Spring party.

This is the first number to be put out by the newly-augmented staff. At the Gaboon meeting last week George Hixson, '30, was elected art editor for the coming year and Henry Hartman, '30, and Severin Bourne, '31, were also added to the board.

D. T. Club, Sophomore Society, Pledges Men

The D. T. Club, sophomore honorary society selected their 13 pledgees Thursday, much to the honor of those selected and to the amusement of the rest of the college. The more obvious elements of the initiation ceremonies are now in full swing with the neophytes dressed in the customary childish fashion.

Those selected: Graeme Bannerman, Lambda Chi Alpha; Lucas Boeve, Jr., and Frances J. Crowley, Chi Psi; Henry H. Fordham, Delta Upsilon; James R. Hughes, Jr., and John H. Jones, Alpha Delta Phi; Albert R. Lee, Jr., Robert L. Wilson, and John L. Pope, Sigma Phi; Mathewson D. Stevens, Theta Delta Chi; Samuel J. McConnell, Jr., La Rue G. Morris, and Joseph G. Normile, Delta Kappa Epsilon.

Executive Council To Support Olympics

The Executive Council has decided to raise a sum of money from the undergraduates of the college in order to support the Olympic Sports. The money will be used to pay for the transportation and board, of college men taking part in these sports.

Although the matter was turned down two meetings ago by the council, it was again brought up at the last meeting and rediscussed. As a result, tags will be sold at the athletic contests on May 12, in order to make the quota which the college intends to give.

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scholastic philosopher, printed at Pavia in 1489. A book presented by Mr. Louis J. Ehret, '04, is the story of a rather questionable adventure of a friend written by the man who later became Pope Pius II. Of the two others added at this time, one is a copy printed by Ratdolt who was particularly famous for his initial letters, and the second is a volume of Vergil printed by Koburger in 1492 and containing notes by many prominent Renaissance scholars. All of these books are extremely interesting, but they are also worthy of notice because they illustrate the variety as well as the beauty of the earliest printing.

Word has just been received of the recent suddenly death of A. Ripley Webb, '24, of Utica. His death came as the result of a severe case of pneumonia.

While at Hamilton Webb was a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity and was very popular. After leaving college he spent a year in Utica in business and then went to New York City, where he attended the University of the City of New York Law School, and at the time of his death was serving an apprenticeship in the law office of Elihu Root.

His funeral was held from St. John's Church in Utica, April 26th, and his burial took place in Calvary Cemetery.

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The learned incumbent of the Publius V. Rogers Chair of History is having his lecture rooms enlarged preparatory for an expected influx of "Vagabonds."

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Latest Returns for Queen of the May Elections

Phluphy Phil Corby	2
Ezra "Dog" Pound	2,690
Edgar "Pansey" Hassard	16
Vinny Almirall	0

Herm Laves, local Mark Sullivan, remarks: "Corby's sudden jump was probably due to support from his brother. I cannot explain Hassard's extra vote unless one of the DKE freshman stuffed the box.

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Diem Does Detection

Boom! . . . What was that! . . . Carpe tore himself from the arms of Morpheus, and telling her not to worry sprang to the saddle. His first thought was for the Chi Psi still. His second thought was for the Chi Psi still . . . That was all! And yet through the gloom and the light, the fate of a nation was riding that night. "Two arms, two arms," he waved rushing to the stricken section which he found to be the summer White House of Elihu Root. "Ah ha the Sigs," he murmured, "pray God I am in time."

He thrust his head through a glass pain, pretending he was a crowbar. The moonlight streamed into the room. He shut it off, and listened.

A succession of low clicks greeted his ear—was it a time bomb? No, it was the seconds ticking by . . .With curses smothered in onions, he sprang to his feet; cleared the far at five feet six and a half, and rushed on with Abandon . . . Becoming separated from Abandon, he stumbled over six dead corpses which moaned huskily, "Turn out the light and get to bed." Shouldering his burden, he cleared his way through the gloom, and revived the victims with artificial perspiration.

Reporters thronged about him. "Was it really a still . . . Was anybody hurt . . . What did he think of Hoover . . . " Slowly he raised his arms and hushed them even as he would hush babes. "Gentlemen," he sobbed as he hurled the bitter truth at them, "Gentlemen, It was that Root beer you read about."

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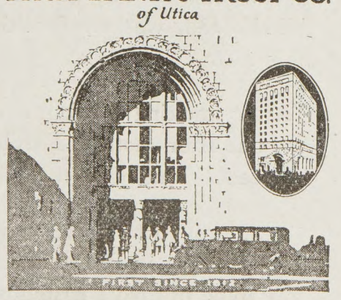

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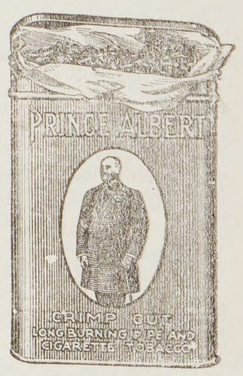

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A questionnaire that will examine thoroughly into courses, examinations, compulsory class attendance, student,faculty relationships and similar problems has been distributed to students of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. When compilations are completed recommendations for liberalizing the curriculum may be made. Changes will depend on the numerical strength given the various suggestions.

HILL DRAMATICS STARTED HERE

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Charlatans for the 1909 Hamiltonian.

"The glory of the dramatics had most humble beginnings. We met clandestinely in Osborn's room, for we feared Freshman hostility and upperclassmen snubs. The danger that we might be forbidden to be so venturesome, that the College might "put the show on the bum," that we might prove ourselves incompetent—a dozen fears such as these dampened our enthusiasm.

"Who that saw the finished performance could have guessed our dismay when Truax grew ill and of our fears while Dounce piloted us to a miraculous rescue; of the terrible moment when Truax grew ruffled and vowed he would throw Woollcott over the footlights; of the ripple of excitement when Hobs sneezed and burst his corsets; when Truax absentmindedly put his cane through Rudd's Knox hat; when Rudd, after 'breaking' in one scene, treated the ladies who were dressing us to a fearful and pointed profanity?"

With the graduation of the pioneers The Charlatans suffered an acute loss but new men stepped in to take their places. When Prof. Paul A. Fancher took charge of the club in 1916, it was under the direction of professional coaches and the still popular Broadway slapstick farces held the stage. However, in assuming the control of Charlatans, Prof. Fancher made the condition that he be allowed to select the plays. As a result, a move toward the more serious presentations was instituted. Likewise, the new coach had ideas about artistic stage effects, lighting, and interpretation, and from this time the quality of the plays was raised and developed by the men.

The first play to be produced was Jacob's "The Monkey's Paw," a "super-mystery" show that immediately took fire with the audience. Then followed a series of one-act plays which The Washington Square Players had popularized and were then in vogue. Since 1919 the Charlatans have produced such successes as "The Witching Hour," by August Thomas, "The Faithful" by John Masefield, George Kaufman's "Dulcy," "Outward Bound," "Is Zat So?" and "The Bad Man" presented at the last Commencement.

Many excellent actors were developed by Prof. Fancher during his regime and several have chosen the stage as their life work. Harold Dodge, '19, played for some years with Stuart Walker's Portmanteau Players, William M. Griffith, '22, turned out to be a born comedian and was engaged by The Theater Guild. Willard Thorpe, '20, acted with the Gloucester Players and is now teaching and coaching at Princeton, and lastly Coburn Goodwin, '27, who played for a few weeks in the Rochester Stock Company productions and was engaged by Arthur Hopkins for his current play "The Ivory Door." Since joining this cast Goodwin has been promoted and a promising career seems to wait for him.

Beginning this year the Charlatans have been coached by Mr. Donald Sprague of the public speaking department. "Hell Bent For Heaven," the first production of the year turned out to be a great success and brought to light a new asteroid in the person of a freshman, John H. Jones, of Utica. The great difficulty that the club has had to face has been the dearth of "women" in the College, making it necessary to produce the services of women from the Players Club of Utica. The popularity of the movies and the rise of local groups of actors has done away with the trips to New York, Binghamton, Rochester and the other cities in which Prof. Fancher formerly took his proteges.

Clark Will Head Hill Press Board

George Clark, Jr., was elected chairman of the Hamilton College Press Board at its annual meeting, Wednesday in the Lambda Chi Alpha house.

Three freshmen were elected to the board—James W. Hutchison, W. L. Baldwin and Douw H. Fonda, Jr.

The retiring chairman, Reginald W. Lyon, Cortland, presented keys to eight members who have served on the board for the past year. These were given to Donald S. McNeil, Frederick N. Davis, E. Douglas Webster, Robert G. Sewell, Meletios Kavakos, Theodore H. Perry, Milton A. Carveho, and David H. Beetle.

The new chairman has been a member of the board for three years. He is managing editor of Hamilton "Life," and a member of Emerson Literary Society, Pi Delta Epsilon and the Hamiltonian Board.

The usual work of the Press Board will be augmented next season when for the first time the organization will receive a subsidy from the undergraduate association.

ALUMNIANA

William H. Squires, '88

Hon. Joseph A. McConnell, '78, the City Judge of Watertown, N. Y., has attracted much favorable attention in the papers on account of a sentence he administered to an intoxicated automobile driver who had damaged by collision another man's car. Judge McConnell sentenced the "firm advocate of personal liberty" to three months in the county jail. As one editorial writer remarked: "There was no alternative in the way of paying a fine, no feather-duster probation excuse, and not a wink toward a suspended sentence." Judge McConnell has always been the stern advocate of impartiality of the Bench and his decisions all imply that the majority, when it makes laws, really has some right to be heard and heeded.

Hon. Clarence L. Fisher, 1900, Lyons Falls, N. Y., has been appointed a member of the Commission that is to investigate conditions favorable to reforestation of the State of New York. "Assemblyman Fisher, of the Fisher Forestry and Realty Company, has been for many years directly and actively interested in the management of a large tract of timber land in the Adirondacks and in forestry problems. He is a member of the board of governors of the Empire State Forests Products Association, chairman of the reforestation committee of the New York State Fish, Game and Forest League, a vice president of the New York State Forestry Association, and has made a special study of reforestation. Mr. Fisher drafted and sponsored the reforestation tax bill which became law." The relief from annual taxation on newly planted forest trees and land, leaving the tax till the forest crop is harvested, means a vigorous interest in the restoration of this essential industry. Hundreds of thousands of acres of land in the State of New York are lying idle reap no returns from the crop, but was obliged to pay the annual taxes because the private individual could that only the rich could afford.

Professor Harry W. Smith, '08, is head of the Department of Economics in the College of Liberal Arts in the University of New Hampshire. Mr. Smith was graduated from Auburn Theological Seminary in 1911 and became pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Horseheads, New York, where he remained seven years. During the war he served as Y. M. C. A. Secretary in the Marine Camp at Paris Island. After a year in Dubuque College, Dubuque, Iowa, as Professor of Oratory and Economics, Smith went to Columbia University where he pursued post-graduate study, and did part-time teaching in the University. Since 1920 Smith has been engaged in his present position. In 1920 he spent the summer in Europe under appointment from the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace, studying and observing the various phases of international co-operation. At the present time Professor Smith is engaged in writing a History of Economic Thought.

Principal Jay E. Lovenguth, '13, has just been elected Supervising Principal of the Sherman High School, Sherman, N. Y. For the current school year, he has been Acting Superintendent of the schools in Kenmore, N. Y. On leaving College, Lovenguth entered the Powelson School of Accountancy in Syracuse University. From this preparation he turned to teaching, in which work he has been continuously active for eighteen years, serving as Principal of The Hilton Memorial High School Groton High School following Ralph W. Sweatman, '07, Cattaraugus High School eight years, Lyons High School, and in Kenmore. For the past ten years Principal Lovenguth has been active in the Chautauqua Summer Schools, and for two Summers he has been Superintendent of Summer Chautauquas.

Superintendent Evans E. Jones, '16, has been at the head of the schools of Mechanicville since 1922. Under his direction are 85 teachers and more than 2,200 pupils. Before entering upon his present duties, Jones was Principal of the High Schools in Newport, Adams and Peirpont, N. Y. He has done post-graduate study, receiving the degree of Master of Arts from the Teachers' College of Columbia University in 1925. The last important improvement in the schools of Mechanicville is a thoroughly scientific system of Physical Education. The educational system there is run as a "Studium and not as a Stadium," though all kinds of athletics are encouraged and made a basis of "cultural value."

Lynn M. Case, '25, teacher of History in the Dryden High School for two years, is now a graduate student and instructor in History in the University of Pennsylvania. He is assisting Dr. R. F. Nichols in a course in American History. Case has been reappointed for another year and will assist Professor W. E. Lingelback in a course in Modern European History.

Lyon H. Lyons, '27, is a graduate student in the University of Pennsylvania. He won the Darling Prize in American History, offered by the College. Next year he will teach History in the Binghamton High School.

Edward E. Euler, '23, who supports the Euler Prize in European History in the College, is now instructor in German in Harvard University. He has been acting in this capacity in Rochester University. During the coming summer, Euler will study in Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

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